

their designees; that the time from 9:50 a.m. to 10 a.m., be under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority Leader, or his designee, controlling the final 5 minutes; provided further, that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the amendment be subject to 60 affirmative votes and that if it does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that upon disposition of Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011), Senator Biden be recognized to offer an amendment and that whenever the Senate resumes consideration of the Biden Amendment, that there be 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Biden and McCain, or their designees, with no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; provided further, that the Biden amendment be subject to a threshold of 60 affirmative votes and that if it does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.

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Water Resources Development Act—Conference Report: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, September 24, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States; provided further, that the time until 5:45 p.m. be divided for debate as follows: 30 minutes under Senator Feingold's control with the remainder of the time under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 5:45 p.m., Senate vote on adoption of the conference report.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–26)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with United Kingdom Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation (Treaty Doc. No. 110–7).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Padilla Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, be referred jointly to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Marine Corps.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—345)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:37 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11914.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 2034, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to

amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1608 and H.R. 815, bills to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard, S. 1740, to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota, S. 1802, to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho, S. 1939, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1940, to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael Nedd, Assistant Director for Mineral, Realty, and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Mayor Jim Auburn, and Jim Rogers, Friends of Elk River, on behalf of sundry organizations, both of Port Orford, Oregon.

NATION'S BRIDGES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the condition of our nation's bridges, focusing on the Federal Highway Administration's oversight of structurally deficient bridges with the National Highway System, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and Coleman; Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Kirk Steudle, Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and Andrew Herrmann, Hardesty and Hanover, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 589, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of bank treatment of social secu-

rity benefits, after receiving testimony from Montrice Godard Yakimov, Managing Director for Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision, and Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Sara A. Kelsey, General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, Washington, D.C.; and Waverly Taliaferro, New York, New York.

HIGH RISK IT PROJECTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security held an oversight hearing to examine the Office of Management and Budget's ongoing information systems projects, focusing on the efficacy of the management practices used by agencies to ensure the success of the projects, receiving testimony from Karen S. Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Barry C. West, Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Daniel G. Mintz, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; Michael D. Duffy, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Paul A. Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Business Transformation.

Hearing recess subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 772, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, with an amendment;

S. 1703, to prevent and reduce trafficking in persons, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Patrick P. Shen, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices.

FUTURE OF WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding opportunities for women entrepreneurs, focusing on the future of women's small business programs, after receiving testimony from Anoop Prakash, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, and Debra S. Ritt, Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, both of the Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Wendi Goldsmith, Bioengineering Group, Salem, Massachusetts; Ann Marie Almeida, Association of Women's Business Centers, Camden, Maine; Gale King, Treats By Gale,

LLC, Burke, Virginia; and Rosemary Bratton, Wyoming Women's Business Center, Laramie.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Martin F. Conatser, American Legion, Champaign, Illinois.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 3607–3631; 1 private bill, H.R. 3632; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216; and H. Res. 667–669 were introduced. **Pages H10695–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10696–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3540, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund (H. Rept. 110–337, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–338, Pt. 1). **Page H10695**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10629**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H10629, H10636**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Honda wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science and Technology, effective today. **Page H10631**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 137 yeas to 265 nays, Roll No. 886. **Pages H10633–34**

Discharge Petition: Representative Boehner moved to discharge the Committees on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 559, providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 479) to amend the

Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for enforcement of clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (Discharge Petition No. 2). **Page H10697**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 667, electing the following Members to serve on certain committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Langevin. Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Pascarella. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Richardson (to rank immediately after Representative McNerney). Committee on Small Business: Representatives Higgins and Hirono. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Richardson. **Page H10635**

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, by a recorded vote of 267 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 890.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–335, modified by the amendment printed in part B of such report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H10650–80**